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WASHINGTON, November 4, 1982 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 30 totaled an estimated 15.7 billion ton-miles, 17.8 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 44 weeks of 1982 was an estimated 677.8 billion ton-miles, 13.3 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended October 30 totaled 365,936 cars, 17.6 percent below 1981, but 2.2 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 23.8 percent in the East, 17.0 percent in the South, and 13.3 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1981, 20 of the 21 commodity groups were down. Fourteen of the 21 groups increased from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 23 totaled 42,235 cars, up 13.2 percent from the corresponding week of 1981, and 67,794 trailers and/or containers, 1.7 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 43 weeks of the year was 1,577,555 cars, 9.4 percent higher than last year, and 2,769,640 trailers and/or containers, up 6.7 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/30/82:

	Loadings in Week ended October 30, 1982			Change from Corresponding Week 1981		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	28,750	D		105	0.4	I	4,719 19.6
Other farm products	6,578	D		125	1.9	I	1,840 38.8
Metallic ores	11,649	D		15,531	57.1	D	401 3.3
Coal	108,162	D		28,809	21.0	D	2,699 2.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	9,702	D		1,568	13.9	I	210 2.2
Nonmetallic minerals	9,289	D		2,942	24.1	D	151 1.6
Grain mill products	12,089	D		2,066	14.6	D	410 3.3
Food and kindred products	13,830	D		1,204	8.0	I	353 2.6
Primary forest products	14,407	D		2,606	15.3	D	242 1.7
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,627	D		151	2.2	I	280 4.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	16,251	D		3,009	15.6	I	520 3.3
Chemicals and allied products	21,156	D		2,963	12.3	I	865 4.3
Petroleum products	4,809	D		371	7.2	I	79 1.7
Stone, clay and glass products	10,037	D		2,527	20.1	D	170 1.7
Ooke	3,662	D		2,129	36.8	D	507 12.2
Metals and products	7,460	D		6,789	47.6	I	430 6.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	14,312	D		2,214	13.4	I	200 1.4
Waste and scrap materials	7,958	D		3,135	28.3	I	106 1.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	8,281	D		1,924	18.9	I	246 3.1
All other carloads	50,737	I		2,210	4.6	I	2,433 5.0
LCL traffic	190	D		115	37.7	I	8 4.4
Total Cars Loaded	365,936	D		78,073	17.6	I	7,709 2.2

Corresponding week of 1981 444,009

	<u>1982</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (44 weeks)	15,932,338	18,574,128	D 14.2
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
43 Weeks cumulative	662.1	762.2	D 13.1
Week ended October 30	15.7	19.1	D 17.8
44 Weeks cumulative	677.8	781.3	D 13.3